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Dear Bob:

I was very happy to have your letter and especially delighted that you were not angry with me for my neglect in our correspondence. You must have understood that our good intentions to pursue the Morton DNA problem were overwhelmed by several other things which seemed more pressing at the time. Fortunately, the prospect that Jackson might take up this work and provide a closer link with your laboratory's efforts seemed like a reasonable compromise for pursuing this problem.

As you know, we are very anxious to use a small primer of defined structure to settle a number of questions about the way in which polymerase works. The use of your DNA may provide the very reagent we need for this work and it certainly deserves serious effort. I am looking forward to having John Jackson here and am enthusiastic about the prospects of his success on this problem. When he is on the scene we will reappraise our status and keep you closely informed of our difficulties as well as any success we may have.

I was also relieved to hear in your letter that you are feeling well and had a pleasant visit in England.

I really would like to visit you sometime and look forward to having you here again soon.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Arthur Kornberg

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